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Student of the Game

By Ryan Divish
Reluctant Hero:

By Ryan Divish

Vince Huntsberger isn't going to like this - not any of it.

Not because there is something bad to write about him; there isn't. And not because there aren't enough good things to say about him, because there are.

No, Vince isn't going to like this because it's about him. And to Vince, there's nothing about Vince worth writing about.

But he's wrong. No matter how difficult he makes it, you follow him to class and to practice.

And that's how Huntsberger wants to be seen, as just a normal student who gets to play a little football.

But this part of his demeanor is deceiving, because Vince is anything but normal.

He was named first team All-Big Sky Conference defensive MVP.

He has probably walked by you on campus, or sat next to you in a class but you wouldn't know he was a football player. Because to the world, Vince looks like just any other student, with a plain haircut, baggy jeans and a simple T-shirt. He could have talked to you, maybe said "Hi" and you could mistake him for just another average guy.

But that's exactly the way he likes it.

And that's because Vince Huntsberger is one of the most talented athletes on the Grizzly roster, but he'd rather take it easy than take the credit.

He isn't trying to hide anything. He is exactly who he is.

"Vince figured that nobody else would choose him because of that," Kate says proudly of her son, "I really don't.

Vince is so well liked that last weekend, Libby resident Roger Combs paid for the entire Libby Logger football team to go to Spokane to watch Vince play. The Libby junior high coach asked him to autograph some photos to be given away as prizes, which he dutifully did even while his roommates teased him the whole time.

Kate thinks that part of the reason that Vince is so down to earth might be because of his experience with his father brother, Ron, who has Down Syndrome. Now an adult, Ron still comes to Vince's home games.

When you talk to him, Vince won't mention any of this. He just steadfastly denies responsibility for his personal accomplishments.

The only thing he will admit to is his love for watching the games of former teammates who have become the poster boy for the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

"I don't think you would ever find anybody who doesn't like him," Kate says proudly of her son, "I really don't.

Vince was a good player in high school, a great character. I always tell kids, "Find somebody who does this and you'll have a good life."
Rebounding Hornets hope to surprise Griz

By Chad Dundas
GameDay Kaimin

The Sacramento State Hornets (3-2, 1-2) come to Missoula Saturday loaded with the single most talked-about weapon in the Big Sky Conference.

Sac State's big gun is senior running back Charles Roberts, who during his tenure in Division I-AA has racked up 6,829 yards and 51 touchdowns. Roberts has made a career of trampling defenses and collecting more yardage than John Deere.

This season, if he is able to return to Sac State's attack that, in previous years, shared the ball, he'll become the NCAA's all-time leading rusher at any level.

Roberts is so instrumental to Sac State's attack that, in recent years, things have begun to look downright one-dimensional for the Hornets.

This year Sac State leads the conference in rushing offense and is third from the bottom in passing.

And while Roberts seems to grace as many headlines as football fields, his Hornet cohorts don't seem resentful.

"We're used to it," said Sac State head coach John Volek.

"Charles is a team member and he's treated as a team member. A runner's got to have blockers and our guys take pride in what he does. Charles is the kind of athlete that shares his accomplishments with his teammates."

But this season things have been up and down for Roberts and his teammates. In the Hornets' two non-conference games, Roberts rushed for 459 yards, leading Sac State in rushing, and found himself looking less than stellar.

"I think there was some relief after the two close losses, especially after the way we lost those games ...," Volek said. "This is the healthiest we've been into Missoula in our best health of the season."

In fact, the Hornets feel so good about their chances, they've been talking about an upset in no uncertain terms.

"This game is bigger than (Sac State vs. rival UC Davis), and we think we can get up there and beat (Montana)," Volek told the Sacramento Bee. "Last year, we nearly came away with a huge win. This year, I think we can get it done."

Perhaps Volek's confidence is warranted. Last season, the Griz had to go to double-overtime to thwart the Hornets 41-38. In that game the Hornets eclipsed a 25-point third quarter deficit before finally succumbing.

"Northern California determination and conviction aside, though, Montana's defensive prowess will undoubtedly be the best Sac State has seen this season." The Griz are currently first in conference in rushing defense, giving up an average of only 93.8 yards per game.

Montana is also near the top of the conference in both scoring defense (third) and pass defense (second). Grizzly defensive coordinator Mike Breke's aggressive new blitz scheme will hope to press Roberts and the Hornets.

"Unlike years past however, the neutralization of Roberts doesn't necessarily leave the Hornets toothless. This season Sac State has a potent defense to compliment the conference's No. 1 rushing offense. Senior linebacker and pre-season All-American Anthony Davis is leading the Big Sky in tackles with 43.5. Dailey's efforts are now being supplemented by the addition of fellow backer Santu Hall, who transferred to Sac State from UCLA at the end of August."

Although Hall has only been with the team for a short time, he's already become an important part of the defensive scene, Volek said.

"He picked up our defense real quick," Volek said. "He's a great athlete, just like some of those transfers (Montana's) got."

The Griz and Sac State kick off at Washington-Grizzly Stadium Saturday at 1:05 p.m.
Around the Sky

Casey Temple
GameDay Kaimin

Stop the presses. Idaho State is 3-1.

Idaho State, the perennial Big Sky doormat, has shocked the Western football world by already matching their conference win total from last year - two. Neither victory was easy; the Bengals won both games in the closing moments.

Against Sacramento State, Hornets' running back Charles Roberts fumbled the ball on the 1-yard line, ending a drive which would have given the Hornets the victory. Instead, the ball was recovered by Bengal defensive back Josh Robinson, securing the 41-39 win.

A missed extra point by Cal State Northridge kicker Derek Brown in overtime gave Idaho State its second consecutive conference win, 31-30.

Idaho State routed NAIA foe Montana Tech, 58-10, in their opening game. Their only loss was to Eastern Washington, 38-7.

With Southern Utah, Montana State and Weber State visiting Pocatello, Idaho later this season, the Bengals might get their first winning season since 1995.

The surprisingly high-powered offense can be credited with much of this success. The Bengals are third in the Big Sky in total offense with 34.2 points per game.

Senior quarterback Shane Griggs is fourth in the Big Sky in total offense with seven touchdowns and 1,024 yards passing. Senior running back Nick Whitworth, the third all-time Idaho State rusher, is averaging 5 yards per carry, 85 yards per game and has three touchdown rushes. Whitworth's 134 yards rushing and 1-yard touchdown run against Sacramento State earned him the Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week.

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Dunn leads the conference in rushing, averaging 181 yards a game, for a total of 725 yards and seven touchdowns. Junior wide receiver Terry Charles is first in the Big Sky in receiving with four touchdowns and 476 yards receiving.

Jimmy Blanchard, the Vikings' senior quarterback, has thrown eight touchdown passes and has passed for over 1,000 yards already.

Montana will travel to Portland at the end of October.

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Cross country teams push for berth in regionals, nationals

Ian Costello
for GameDay Kaimin

A loss to rival Montana State. Cold weather. Sick runners.

In three short sentences, those statements could very well describe the first half of the season for the University of Montana cross country team.

But then, words like Sabrina Monroe, a Bobcat upset and a strong showing in Show Low, would go unmentioned.

"We wanted to peak for the conference and regional meets," head coach Tom Raunig said. "But we are progressing very fast on the men's side and the women have had two very strong meets in a row.

Monroe, a junior from Montana City, has continued

her winning ways during the last two meets. At the Montana Invitational two weeks ago, Monroe completed the women's race just short of one minute ahead of her nearest competitor. And just one week later she emerged victorious over a talented field at the Big Cross Invitational in Washington, winning the race by 30 seconds.

Sabrina's consistency is a big plus for us," Raunig said. "At the bigger meets it really helps to have her out in front."

Led by Monroe, Montana has already grabbed wins over both Montana State and Idaho State (at the Montana Invitational) and placed three runners in the top 15 in the Big Cross Invitational.

The sweep over the field at the Montana Invitational brought with it an unexpected win over Montana State.

On the men's side, the Griz fell at home during the Montana Invitational to the Bobcats, ending a three-meet winning streak over MSU. The Grizzlies did top Idaho State at the Montana Invitational and finished second to then 19th ranked Washington at the Big Cross Invitational.

At home, Grizzly harrier Brad Tretz placed second over all. And Jesse Barnes finished fourth.

Raunig said the strength of his men's squad is based on a pack mentality.

"We have no big front runners," he said. "Our top four are very strong, and the fifth spot is handled by committee."

Raunig went on to say that the goal of the men's team is to lower their pack split times as they move toward the conference meet.

The Grizzly men were severely hampered at the Big Cross as several runners were suffering from colds. Montana managed to hold onto second place, just three points ahead of Washington State despite five of their nine runners being ill.

The women's team will receive a boost when senior Heather Anderson returns to the team after being treated for a nagging injury.

"Heather has not run yet," Raunig said. "We are hoping to get her running at a high level as soon as possible, she could make the difference between going to nationals and not."

The Grizzlies, with just over three weeks to go until the Big Sky Conference meet, are working toward a berth in the regional and national meets.

Thirty-one teams from around the country compete in the National Championships. "We want to place high at the Big Sky meet and then go on to regionals," Raunig said.

Volleyball team hopes momentum continues through road swing

Courtney Lowery
GameDay Kaimin

There are two things that can make or break a volleyball squad: momentum and chemistry.

UM head volleyball coach Nikki Best said slowly but surely, her team is peaking at that this weekend.

"If it becomes a rock squad: momentum and chemistry. No one can dominate a match. "If we make it go to a deciding fifth set, that's when we win. If it becomes a rock throwing contest, it's going to be tough."

In order to keep that momentum, Best said her squad is working on serving, defense and most importantly, chemistry and attitude on the court.

"It's all about relationships," Best said. "That is the most important thing about our sport. No one person can dominate a match. The exciting part for me is focusing on that team aspect of the game."

The Grizzlies are coming off the first week of conference matches, where they fell to Northern Arizona 3-0 and beat Cal State Northridge 3-2. UM remains tied with Northridge for the top ranking in the Big Sky conference.

But in order to stay in that position, the Grizzlies are going to have to step it up on the road.

Two of their six losses have been away games.

They've only lost one at home.

"I think there is just an attitude that 'It's OK, We're on the road,' but that is not what kind of attitude we are going to have this year," said senior outside hitter Erin Adams.

Adams and senior setter Tara Conner agreed, however, that the road trip philosophy is already changing.

"We're just taking it game to game, keeping it high energy and making sure we have the confidence to win on the road," Conner said.

Adams leads UM, racking up 10 or more kills in nine matches and 10 or more digs as well. Conner is ranked second in the conference with 13.33 assists per game and senior Kodi Taylor continues to be a defensive force at the net with 74 blocks on the season.

The Grizzlies play Eastern Washington at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Western Auxiliary Gym.
Montana
2000 Record: 3-1 Overall, 1-0 Big Sky
1999 Record: 9-3 Overall, 7-1 Big Sky (1st)

**Offense**

**Thatcher Szalay**
Offensive Guard
6-5, 295 Junior from Whitefish, Mont.
The towering tackle is the key to Montana's running game. He's one of the top linemen in the country. The Billings native was third leading tackler in '99 and was named first team All Big Sky.

Boomer also joined Szalay by being named a Golden Helmet winner.

Despite his lack of offensive prowess, Boomer can play defense. He's the third leading tackler in '99 and was named the team's defensive MVP. He's second in the Big Sky in receiving with three touchdowns and 46 catches, including a 30 yarder.

**Linebacker**

**Adam Boomer**
Linebacker
6-2, 225 Senior from American Falls, Idaho
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**Defensive Line**

- **Corey Mertes**
  - DT
  - 6-1, 280 Senior from American Falls, Idaho
  - Third leading returning tackler last year.

- **John Cahill**
  - DT
  - 6-2, 250 Freshman from American Falls, Idaho

- **Justin Klein**
  - DE
  - 6-4, 240 Junior from Whitefish, Mont.

- **Herbert Fernandez**
  - DE
  - 6-4, 225 Senior from Whitefish, Mont.

**Numerical Roster**

| 1 | Tanner Hancock | WR | 5-8 | 175 | SR |
| 2 | Michael Westbrook | WR/KOR | 6-0 | 190 | JR |
| 3 | Trey Young | FB | 6-0 | 180 | SO |
| 4 | Brock Sutherland | WR/KOR | 5-8 | 165 | SO |
| 5 | John Edwards | DB | 6-1 | 200 | SO |
| 6 | Andy Thompson | QB | 6-5 | 190 | SO |
| 7 | Drew Miller | RB | 6-1 | 195 | SR |
| 8 | Jim Ferris | WR/KOR | 5-10 | 190 | SR |
| 9 | Jason Miller | FS | 6-2 | 220 | SR |
| 10 | Chris Lumpen | WR | 6-1 | 185 | FR |
| 11 | Courtney Johnson | CLB | 6-1 | 210 | SO |
| 12 | Calvin Coleman | CB/KOR | 5-10 | 190 | JR |
| 13 | Elu Molden | WR/KOR | 6-2 | 190 | BR |
| 14 | T.J. Decker | WR/Phil/5-4 | 5-11 | 170 | JR |
| 15 | Nick Holman | RB | 5-10 | 190 | JR |
| 16 | Yohance Humphrey | RB | 6-10 | 185 | JR |
| 17 | Kyle Scholle | SS | 6-0 | 194 | FR |
| 18 | Tony Brown | FB | 6-0 | 190 | SO |
| 19 | Damon Parker | CB/KOR | 5-7 | 175 | SR |
| 20 | Darryl Williams | RB | 6-1 | 210 | JR |
| 21 | Chris Snyder | K/P | 6-0 | 190 | FR |
| 22 | Joel Rosenberg | CB | 6-1 | 195 | FR |
| 23 | Brad Weston | LB | 6-1 | 220 | FR |
| 24 | Ben Drinkwater | RB | 6-1 | 195 | SR |
| 25 | Andy Pavel | DE | 6-3 | 235 | SR |
| 26 | Mike Maroney | CB | 5-10 | 175 | FR |
| 27 | Ike Mincy | TE | 6-2 | 200 | SO |
| 28 | Matt Steinway | LB | 6-1 | 220 | SR |
| 29 | Adam Boomer | LB | 6-2 | 230 | SR |
| 30 | Spencer Freyman | TE | 6-3 | 240 | JR |
| 31 | John Figgis | TE | 6-2 | 220 | JR |
| 32 | Jacob Yoro | CB | 6-10 | 220 | FR |
| 33 | Joe Robinson | LB | 5-11 | 240 | FR |
| 34 | Chris Coniers | LB | 6-2 | 215 | FR |
| 35 | Dan DeCelle | LB | 6-1 | 240 | JR |
| 36 | Jaramiah Butchinson | DT | 6-0 | 260 | SR |
| 37 | Casey Ryan | OG | 6-4 | 255 | JR |
| 38 | Drew Decker | OG | 6-5 | 265 | JR |
| 39 | Luke Fournier | NT | 6-2 | 260 | FR |
| 40 | Joseph Bonamarte | OT | 6-5 | 230 | FR |
| 41 | Matt Thuesen | C | 6-4 | 298 | SR |
| 42 | Brian Fels | OT | 6-4 | 285 | SO |
| 43 | Kamokale Kilumaloa | OT | 6-4 | 295 | SR |
| 44 | Cory Short | OG | 6-2 | 275 | JR |
| 45 | Dylan McFarland | OG | 6-6 | 260 | FR |
| 46 | Thatcher Szalay | OG | 5-11 | 295 | JR |
| 47 | Eric Kruger | DT | 6-6 | 265 | SO |
| 48 | Jon Skinner | CT | 6-6 | 310 | FR |
| 49 | Leif Thorsen | OG | 6-5 | 296 | SR |
| 50 | Rory Dzurian | WR/KOR | 5-10 | 190 | SR |
| 51 | Mike Reddy | P | 6-0 | 185 | SR |
| 52 | Brian Pelo | WR | 5-9 | 165 | FR |
| 53 | Randy Alan | WR | 6-10 | 240 | SO |
| 54 | Jeff Fernandez | WR | 5-10 | 175 | SO |
| 55 | Brad Fristman | TE | 5-8 | 290 | FR |
| 56 | Curt Coff | NT | 6-2 | 285 | SO |
| 57 | Tim Ryan | DE | 6-0 | 240 | SR |
| 58 | Tyler Martin | DT | 6-2 | 290 | SR |
| 59 | Carey Mertes | DT | 6-1 | 280 | SR |
| 60 | Justin Klein | DE | 6-4 | 240 | JR |
| 61 | John Calah | DE | 6-2 | 250 | FR |
| 62 | Herbert Fernandez | DE | 6-4 | 255 | SO |
| 63 | Jason Francis | DE | 6-2 | 250 | JR |
| 64 | Justin Brannon | DE | 6-3 | 255 | SR |

**Grizzly Offense**

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**Jimmy Hancock**
1 WR

**Brian Pelo**
8 WR

**Thatcher Szalay**
73 CB

**Darryl Williams**
28 RB

**Drew Miller**
7 OB

**Matt Thuesen**
65 LB

**Leif Thorsen**
79 CB

**Kamokale Kilumaloa**
67 CB

**T.J. Decker**
18 WR

**Adam Boomer**
42 LB

**Dan DeCelle**
58 LB

**Corey Mertes**
93 DT

**Andrew Peteke**
37 DE

**Calvin Coleman**
13 CB

**Damon Parker**
17 WR

**Etu Molden**
17 WR

**Trey Young**
3 FS

**Justin Klein**
94 DE

**Tyler Martin**
92 DT

**Matt Steinway**
41 LB

**Carson Mortes**
93 DE

**Tanner Hancock**
2 WR

**Brice Furti**
8 WR

**Thatcher Szalay**
73 LB
Sac State Defense

C: Brandon Coleman 26
CB: Elton Gabourel 5
LB: Santi Hall 20
DB: Anthony Dailey 43
SS: Vince Andrews 31

Sac State Offense

WR: Gary Austin 21
TE: Jon Morrissey 83
G: Grant Hagen 74
OG: Steve Choi 76
C: Terence Wagner 70
QB: Ricky Ray 17
RB: Charles Roberts 32
FB: Mike Wooster 25

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2. Cameron Morrison
3. Lamont Webo
4. Matt Miller
5. Mike Johnson
6. Kenneth Smith
7. Dericky Baron
8. Elton Gabourel
9. Ed Canacin
10. Matt Williams
11. Mike Roach
12. Marcus Byrd
13. Robert VanDer Vlist
14. Ryan Leighton
15. Feri Gamba
16. Terrence White
17. Ricky Ray
18. Manuelמוזinho
19. Jimmy Williams
20. Justin Hill
21. Gary Austin, Jr.
22. Ramon Payne
23. Brad Candillo
24. Lee Turner
25. Mike Wooster
26. Brandon Coleman
27. Mark Keating
28. Paul Mitchell
29. Robert Coleman
30. Vincent Andrews
31. Charles Roberts
32. Shant Colson
33. Rea Hudson
34. Brent Gutierrez
35. Chad Kendricks
36. Jimmy Sanchez
37. Jeffery Callaway
38. Alaire Brown
39. Greg Bills
40. Anthony Dailey
41. Macro Borden
42. Lainu Matthews
43. Jamal Smith
44. Andrew Daisley
45. Adam Galloway
46. Greg Bills
47. Anthony Dailey
48. Macro Borden
49. Jeffery Callaway
50. Adam Galloway
51. Rea Williams
52. Charles Thompson
53. Kevin Harrington
54. Matt Plant
55. Paul Webber
56. Brad Engleking
57. Paul Sanchez
58. Josh Murdock
59. Sean DeCourcy
60. Joe Shortela
61. Brian Herman
62. Tim Barlow
63. Dan Rehbein
64. Tim Barlow
65. Grant Hagen
66. Steven Choi
67. Tony Arznowski
68. Tyler Patterson
69. Grant Hagen
70. Antoine Bogetti
71. Jack Okas
72. Chris Danno
73. Mason Mitchell
74. Adam Roth
75. Antoine Bogetti
76. James Peterson

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Report:

Jamie Mohr
GameDay Kaomin

The Griz have played them rarely, but their nine appearances in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs since 1985 prove that Northern Iowa University could very well be a UM post-season foe.

Located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the Panthers of Northern Iowa play in arguably one of the toughest leagues in I-AA football, the Gateway Conference. Fellow Gateway Conference member Youngstown State ended the Grizzlies’ 1999 campaign in the first round of the playoffs.

Northern Iowa last made the post-season in 1996. In 1994, the Griz lost the Panthers 23-20 in Missouri in the first round of the playoffs.

But to make it to the big show this year, the Panthers know they must win the rest of their games after suffering losses in their second and third contests to Boise State and Southern Illinois.

Assistant head coach Jeff Zenisek said that the Northern Iowa staff is a little frustrated with their 3-2 record this season.

“We lost the one we should have lost and won the ones we should have won, I guess,” he said.

The Panthers have rebounded from their early losses, defeating on national­ly ranked Stephen F. Austin and conference opponent Illinois State. By virtue of those wins, Northern Iowa finds itself ranked No. 22 in the Sports Network poll.

In addition to a national ranking, Northern Iowa has received a fair amount of attention as the program that produced 2000 Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner.

Zenisek said that the Panthers of the early 1990s played a more traditional style offense and that Warner got a lot of his expertise playing arena football.

“You’ve got to get rid of the ball in three seconds in arena ball,” Zenisek says.

Zenisek and his boss, head coach Mike Dunbar, reunited in Northern Iowa in 1997. Zenisek had been head coach of Central Washington University since 1992, a position he assumed after Dunbar left for the University of Toledo to be the offensive coordinator.

The two have had winning seasons in Cedar Falls ever since, narrowly missing the post season field of 16 last year, when Northern Iowa ended the year ranked 17th.

The Panthers of 2000 like the Panthers of 2000 down the road, though.

“Sometimes our league will watch out for year after year. And what will the end of this year hold for the Panthers?”

Northern Iowa

UM defensive back Damon Parker up ends Cal Poly wide-out Adam Hertzog during the Grizzlies’ 53-3 victory over the Mustangs.

Helmet. The team captain threw for 3,469 yards in 1999 and was ranked seventh-best in efficiency for Division I-AA.

Zenisek fears that Northern Iowa’s lack of a running game will hurt the team down the road, though.

“The running game hasn’t been good since we’ve been here,” he said.

The road ahead will provide major tests in the form of No. 2-ranked Youngstown State and No. 11-ranked Western Illinois. Zenisek said that Youngstown State, like Montana, is a program to watch out for year after year.

And what will be the end of this year hold for the Panthers?

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Shutouts and scoring represent soccer squad

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Montana soccer is well on its way to another successful season after starting 7-3-1, with six shutouts posted against its opponents.

One year after playing its way into the NCAA tournament for the first time in team history, head coach Betsy Duerksen's squad hasn't let up. A lot of players lead the team offensively, but Heather Olson stands out as the most successful scorer, with eight goals so far. Montana's defense has also been stellar, despite starting two freshmen in the back.

Senior goalkeeper Natalie Hiller, currently hobbled by an ankle injury, has also been very consistent and has five shutouts to her credit. "I think so far the season has gone really well," Duerksen said. "I have a great team to work with. They're playing well, they're coachable and we've been winning, so there's not a lot to complain about. We have all the key ingredients to be a successful team."

The Grizzlies played only two conference games in the first five weeks of the season, and have five left. In their first two conference matches, Montana scored eight goals and allowed zero. Last week against conference foe Eastern Washington, freshman goalkeeper Katie Peck recorded a shutout and sophomore forward Amy Schlatter capped the game off with her first career goal.

All season long, Olson has been moving up the career scoring list. Against conference foe Portland State, she tallied a hat trick. With eight goals and two assists, Olson leads the team with 18 points. She now ranks sixth on Montana's all-time scoring list and fourth in goals scored. Freshman forward Amy Wronski is next with five goals and two assists.

But all the goals scored by Wronski and Olson wouldn't have been possible without assist leader, senior Jodi Campbell. Campbell has recorded five assists and three goals and ranks fifth in career points with 59. Much of Montana's success, however, can be credited to a very reliable defense. It has allowed only 15 goals and has enabled the offensive team to score 22, despite being outshot by the majority of their opponents. The defense is also responsible for three consecutive shutouts against Northwestern University.

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VM midfielder Nikki Bolstad attempts to steal the ball from Cal Poly forward Megan Schlegel. Cal Poly went on to defeat Montana 2-0.

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Nate Schweber

The look of Homecoming belongs to the football players battling on the gridiron and to the way, decorative floats in the parade. The feel belongs to the Hellgate winds, which can blow pleasantly or bitterly on their journey toward winter. The taste belongs to the beers and barbecues at the tailgate parties and the penny candy parade participants throw to kids along Higgins and University avenues.

But the sound of Homecoming, as it has for the past 100 years, belongs to the University of Montana marching band. As the UM marching band celebrates its centennial, give or take a few years, UM alumni band director Fred Nelson said the band has come a long way since the turn of the century.

"A band is a group we knew of in 1900," Nelson, who taught band at Sentinel High School 16 years, said. "Back then it was a strictly military unit."

Dean Vinal, who joined the UM band upon graduating from Missoula County High School in 1938, said the beginning of the band was the highlight of the year was the car train to Butte, "It was the highlight of the year was the car train to Butte, "It was great when we went through the Back then it was a strictly military unit."

concert band was the highlight, Nelson, said. "I was able to march without any hindrance."

Williams, a clarinet player, said she particularly enjoyed the student body's reaction. "I thought we were a pretty good trombone player, but I went in there and wound up the last one in my section," Vinal said. "The guys loved to play, and they get along real good together."

Vinal said the last lesson he learned from the UM marching band was marching discipline. Vinal said when he was drafted in 1941, he immediately became the first trombonist in the U.S. Army band. "In the army we did a lot of drilling, but it was old hat after being in the marching band at the University of Montana," Vinal said. "I was able to march without even thinking about it."

Women join the ranks

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"My big role models would be my parents," Huntsberger says. "Just how they are and how they raised me. I've never been really big into sports role models.

His parents gave him the ever-present work ethic. "We always had to work to get what we wanted," Vince says. "It wasn't ever just given to us."

Whether it was mowing the lawn or stacking wood, Vince and his siblings did it. There was no sitting around and watching TV. And that work ethic has shifted to the classroom and the football field alike. Because, as Vince will eagerly explain, he isn't the smartest person in the classroom nor the biggest player on the field. "I'm not going to say I'm dumb," he says. "I'm a smart kid, but I still have to work really hard to get good grades. I'm not the kind of guy who reads the chapter once and rolls in and saves the test."

He isn't your classic strong safety, either. He is probably one of the slowest Grizzlys defensively back. He only weighs 195 pounds and stands just a shade over six feet.

"I had a kid tell me last year, 'I thought you'd be bigger,'" Hunt says. "They have this impression that you have to be 6-2, 230 pounds and just ripped. I guess I have to work with what I've got."

And what he has got is an intense competitiveness that far outweighs any physical force. "He's competitive at everything," says Kate. "One time when he was little he wanted to skip going to a basketball game when he was little he wanted to watch TV. And that work ethic has to get him to the level at that level."

Grit assistant coach Tim Hauck; Tim's uncle, sees the similarities: the competitiveness, the anticipation, the work ethic and the reluctance to talk about themselves. "Tim was reminded of the similarities between Tim and Vince's style of play a few days ago. Hauck said he was watching film of last season's game against Sac State and one particular play, the ball bounced across the field and there was Vince racing across the field and autonymous teammates to get to the ball carrier."

"That reminded me a lot of the way Tim played," Hauck said. "Wherever the play ended, he was there."

For Vince, Tim Hauck's NFL career remains a dream. He talks of graduating school or possibly coaching when he's done. But don't rule the NFL out completely. As Grizzly secondary coach Dave Doeren says, "Vince is a great college player. Could be on the NFL. I don't know. I wouldn't doubt it, because there's something that could do it, it would be him."

Huntsberger is the corner stone of Doeren's secondary and recipient of endless praise. "He's a great person," Doeren says. "If you ever wanted to have a good friend you'd want it to be a guy like him. He's very genuine and means what he says. He's a straight shooter and that's what you want people around you to be. Whatever Vince decides to do, he'll be good at it."

But that is the future. Vince is all about the here and now. There is still a little matter of the I-AA playoffs. But there has to be more to Vince Huntsberger than this, doesn't he? Where is the drama? Where is the long list? The inevitable redemption? We need more, but Vince isn't telling.